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Re: Preliminary Environmental Review  
Buckley's Auto Parts

- Board of County Commissioners, Courthouse, Livingston
- Ed Platt, County Junk Vehicle Director, Courthouse, Livingston
- Steve Herbely, Planning Board, Courthouse, 414 E. Callender, Livingston
- County Sanitarian, Courthouse, 414 E. Callender, Livingston
- Rick Loftice, Mayor, 414 E. Callender, Livingston
- Tom Buckley, Buckley's Auto Parks, 327 S. 10th St., Livingston
- Environmental Quality Council, Capitol Complex, Helena
- ✓ Harold Chambers, State Library, Capitol Complex, Helena

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the Administrative Rules of Montana, 16.2.604, the following Preliminary Environmental Review has been prepared by the Department of Health and Environmental Sciences concerning Tom Buckley d.b.a. Buckley's Auto Parts, Livingston.

The purpose of the Preliminary Environmental Review is to inform all interested governmental agencies, public groups or individuals of the proposed action and to determine whether or not the action may have a significant effect on the human environment. This Preliminary Environmental Review will be circulated for a period of fifteen (15) days at which time a decision will be made as to our future action.

If you care to comment on this proposed action, please do so within the allotted time.

Sincerely,

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PRELIMINARY ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

Division/Bureau Environmental Sciences Division - Solid and Hazardous Waste Bureau

Project or Application Tom Buckley dba/ Buckley's Auto Parts

Description of Project Establishing and licensing a new motor vehicle wrecking  
facility in Livingston, Montana

POTENTIAL IMPACT ON PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

	Major	Moderate	Minor	None	Unknown	Comments on Attached Pages
1. Terrestrial & aquatic life and habitats				X		
2. Water quality, quantity and distribution				X		
3. Geology & soil quality, stability and moisture				X		
4. Vegetation cover, quantity and quality				X		
5. Aesthetics			X			
6. Air quality				X		
7. Unique, endangered, fragile, or limited environmental resources				X		
8. Demands on environmental resources of land, water, air & energy				X		
9. Historical and archaeological sites				X		

# POTENTIAL IMPACTS ON HUMAN ENVIRONMENT

	Major	Moderate	Minor	None	Unknown	Comments on Attached Pages
1. Social structures and mores				X		
2. Cultural uniqueness and diversity				X		
3. Local and state tax base & tax revenue			X			
4. Agricultural or industrial production				X		
5. Human health				X		
6. Quantity and distribution of community and personal income			X			
7. Access to and quality of recreational and wilderness activities				X		
8. Quantity and distribution of employment			X			
9. Distribution and density of population and housing				X		
10. Demands for government services			X			
11. Industrial & commercial activity				X		
12. Demands for energy				X		
13. Locally adopted environmental plans & goals				X		
14. Transportation networks & traffic flows				X		

Other groups or agencies contacted or which may have overlapping jurisdiction \_\_\_\_\_

Individuals or groups contributing to this PER. \_\_\_\_\_

Recommendation concerning preparation of EIS Not necessary

PER Prepared by: Thomas M. Ellerhoff

Date: March 4, 1985

#### GENERAL COMMENTS

Buckley's Auto Parts has proposed to establish a licensed wrecking facility, approximately 19.07 acres in size, east of Livingston, Montana (S-1/2 of S5, T2S, R10E (Map No. 1)).

The Livingston City-County Planning Board approved an original proposal submitted by the owner, Tom Buckley, on December 11, 1984. Buckley later decided to scale down the size of the fenced yard. The amended version was approved February 13, 1985.

State law requires junk vehicles to be shielded from public view, which is a point six feet above the center of any public road. The proposed site is bounded on the south by the Burlington Northern railroad right-of-way, on the east by property formerly used as a log storage area and on the west and north by pasture land.

About two-thirds of the southern property line, facing the railroad track and U.S. Highway 10, is screened by two buildings. One of the buildings will serve as the firm's office, the other--the larger of the two--will be a shop/storage area.

A fence will be constructed to shield public viewing of the yard along the west and south (including between the buildings) portions of the property and also along most of the east perimeter. The fencing will be done in accordance with the standards in Rule 16.14.202 ARM, with the vertical boards alternating in width between 1" x 8" x 11' and 1" x 10" x 11', with a maximum 1½" spacing between the boards to reduce wind resistance.

Inspection of the proposed fencing indicated that the owner's proposed plan should screen the facility from public view for persons traveling along U.S. 10 and U.S. Interstate 90. However, the grade ascending a hill, south along the interstate, might ultimately provide passing motorists with a view of stored vehicles when the rear portion of the wrecking yard is used. If this occurs, the state will require the construction of a "secondary fence" through the yard.

